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HELEN JENNINGS KILLED IN HOME NEAR SHERWOOD

Daughter of Captain Gore
Sister of Mrs. J. H. Wilson
of This City

HEAD CRUSHED WITH BIG HAMMER AS SHE SLEPT

Chauffeur Ristman Supposed
Murdered—Ex-Convict Is
Suspected

Portland, Ore., May 17.—An ex-convict was sought by police and deputy sheriffs throughout Oregon today on the belief that he was the fiend who swung a 11-pound sledge hammer and crushed the skull of Mrs. Helen Jennings while she slept Monday night.

Mrs. Jennings' body was discovered in her home between Tualatin and Sherwood, 15 miles from Portland, late yesterday. Outside the house stood the automobile of Fred Ristman, a jitney driver. The machine was blood soaked and Ristman was missing. Detectives believe the murderer killed Ristman and hid his body on the theory that "dead men tell no tales."

This ex-convict is known to have tried to force his attention on Mrs. Jennings. She frequently expressed fear of him.

"I would not have him angry at me for anything in the world," she told a neighbor recently.

Mrs. Jennings was 41 years old. She was the divorced wife of Orville O. Jennings, a Southern Pacific railroad man. After her divorce from Jennings she married J. S. Reed, a Portland contractor, and later separated from him. She was the daughter of the late Captain George A. Gore, Mrs. J. H. Wilson of Salem, and Mrs. E. H. Robinson of Tualatin, were sisters.

Robbery was not the motive, officers are convinced. The murder apparently was carefully planned. At 8 p. m. Monday a man answering the ex-convict's description hired Ristman to take him to Sherwood. He carried a bag of tools and said he was a plumber.

Ristman failed to return. His wife and friends were alarmed and started a search yesterday. At Sherwood they found no trace of him. Returning, they saw his automobile near the home of Mrs. Jennings. Finding nobody about the place, they looked into the machine and saw that it was spattered with blood. They rushed to Tualatin and summoned officers.

The door of the house was broken open. Mrs. Jennings' body was lying in bed. A pillow had been thrown over her face. The heavy sledge hammer was beside the bed. A single blow, and a terrific one, had crushed her head flat. The murderer evidently gained entrance to the house through a window.

Officers believe Ristman was murdered before arriving at Mrs. Jennings' home, and that the murderer disposed of his body along the road. The blood on the automobile was in the back of the car. It is thought Ristman's body was carried in the tonneau after he was slain.

The man sought, was paroled from the Oregon penitentiary two years ago, where he was serving a 20 year sentence for highway robbery. He was known as "the lone highwayman." When only 21 years old he held up an Oregon City interurban train single handed and robbed the passengers. Twenty other robberies in the vicinity of Portland were laid at his door. In 1901 his activities caused a reign of terror in South Portland.

ABE MARTIN

SPECIAL TRAIN
CARRYING
GREENS
WITH EGGES

POP
SOLD

THE OBJECT OF YOUR NEIGHBORS' CHICKEN-eyes is your good looks. Tell them you have quit reading the news and will wait for the unbiased historian.

CALIFORNIA SENDS 100 DELEGATES EAST They Go To Attend Convention of General Federation of Women's Clubs

San Francisco, May 17.—California delegates to the thirteenth biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs left for New York City today. More than 100 of them started in various parts of the state. The convention opens May 23 and will continue in session until June 2.

Roanoke Investigation Still Drags Along

San Francisco, May 17.—Joseph Elin, quartermaster of the ill-fated North Pacific liner Roanoke, was recalled to the witness stand for further cross-examination today when the federal investigation into the sinking of the steamer with a loss of 47 lives was resumed.

The federal inspectors are endeavoring to ascertain the truth of a report that the Roanoke was so heavily loaded that she drew more water than her papers allowed when she left this port on her last voyage.

Two stowaways who arrived from Mexico on the Roanoke and refused to be deported on her are being sought by United States detectives. The problem was to ask them why they refused to sail on the Roanoke, and also desire to elicit from them information about the matter in which the ship made its voyage up the coast before it started on the fatal trip.

Word "Laborer" Offensive to Government Snobs

San Francisco, May 17.—Never again will there be "laborers" in the customs service. The men who have been "laborers" will still be there but now they are to be "assistants," "clerks" or "helpers."

Justice Wardell, surveyor of the port, has discovered, he says, that the title "laborer" is deadly to efficiency. He finds that under a more important title better service can be expected.

At a recent meeting of customs heads in the east, efficiency talk figured prominently. More complete designation of duties and offices was thought advisable. Wardell is the first official to act on this. In a report today he advocates greater changes for advances for the young men in the service.

FAILED TO ELECT BISHOP

Saratoga, N. Y., May 17.—The Methodist general conference failed to elect a new bishop on the first ballot, 53 votes being necessary for a choice. Rev. Matt S. Hughes, of Pasadena, polled 330; Rev. Adna W. Leonard, of Seattle, 290; Rev. Charles E. Lucke, of Los Angeles, 237. Rev. Thomas Nicholson, of New York led with 412.

land. When he took a partner in his crimes in 1905, he was traced down and arrested.

Mrs. Jennings had been prominent socially. Her two divorce suits attracted wide attention.

Two jitney drivers today declared photographs of the man sought, closely resembled the stranger who hired Ristman to take him to Sherwood.

Ristman's Panama hat, a part of his shirt sleeve and a green laprobe that came from his automobile, were found this morning behind a fence about 300 yards from the Gore farm.

The hat was covered with dirt, the shirt sleeve had been torn off at the elbow during a struggle and clots of brains and hair were found on the laprobe, portions of which had been saturated with blood.

The discovery of these articles is taken as conclusive evidence that Ristman was murdered. It is expected that the body will be found soon by the party of searchers.

Ben Thompson, who from the description given is the ex-convict who is earnestly being sought by the officers as a suspect, was committed to the Oregon state penitentiary January 25, 1902, to serve 20 years for his part in a series of spectacular robberies about Portland and Oregon City. He was convicted on a charge of assault and robbery armed with a dangerous weapon. He was paroled in September 1911 and was returned for breaking his parole May 3, 1915. Governor Withycombe gave him a conditional pardon two weeks after he was committed May 17, 1915, in order that Thompson might secure evidence supporting his claim of innocence on the charges which caused his arrest. In the trial that followed he was acquitted of the charge and since has been at large.

CARRANZA SENDS 2,000 TROOPS TO HELP AMERICANS

General Garvira Says Total of
15,000 Will Join In
Pursuit of Bandits

DEEMER AND PAYNE ARE RESCUED BY CAVALRY

When Troops Withdrew Villistas Killed All Who Sold Americans Supplies

San Antonio, Texas, May 17.—Major Langhorne's cavalry rescued the Americans Jesse Deemer and Monroe Payne, captured by Mexicans when they raided Glenn Springs, Texas, according to Colonel Sibley's report to Major General Fred Funston today.

The Americans said the official account, were left by the raiders with a Mexican family at El Pino, and the people of the house were ordered to kill the "gringos" if they attempted to escape. When the United States cavalry arrived the bandits had departed and there was no clash.

The Villistas are now reported a few miles ahead of the troops.

Mexican Troops to Aid

El Paso, Texas, May 17.—Two thousand Carranzistas troops have arrived at Chihuahua City as part of the Mexican detachment promised General Hugh Scott by General Alvaro Obregon for use in the hunt for bandits on the southern side of the international boundary. It was learned here today.

General Garvira said that a total of 15,000 de facto government troops were en route.

Fabi Lopez, leader of the Santa Ysabel massacre, has been placed on trial for his life in Chihuahua, charged with murdering Americans.

Villistas Kill Chinese

Columbus, N. M., May 17.—Army motor truck drivers arriving from the front today reported that General John J. Pershing's evacuation of his advanced base at San Antonio was followed by the slaughter by Villistas bandits of 13 Chinese merchants who had sold supplies to the Americans.

The merchants were shot, said the drivers, and their shops looted. Many residents of the section fled north with the Americans. Bandits, it is reported, have threatened to kill every person selling provisions to the Americans or helping them in any manner.

Typhus fever has broken out in Casas Grandes, near the expedition's base at Dublan. Soldiers are forbidden to visit the town. So far, no Americans have been stricken.

Deemer Reported Rescued

Marathon, Texas, May 17.—Jesse Deemer, an American storekeeper, and Monroe Payne, a negro, captured by Mexicans in the raid on Glenn Springs, are reported to have been rescued today by United States troops in a Mexican town. The rumor is unconfirmed.

Advices said the Americans penetrated 200 miles into Mexico. Troops dashed into a small town surprising the raiders, who fled. It was reported leaving their captives.

A detachment is reported en route to the border with Deemer.

Oregon Is Satisfied

Mexico City, May 17.—General Alvaro Obregon today conferred with Provisional President Carranza and his cabinet, talking over the results of his El Paso conferences with the American military representatives. He also issued a statement to the newspaper men saying he was satisfied that President Wilson did not contemplate making war on Mexico. Obregon expressed himself as being satisfied that the United States forces would withdraw as soon as the bandit raids stopped.

Trading Was Dull and Mostly Professional

New York, May 17.—The New York Evening Sun's financial review today said:

There was nothing in overnight news nor the early developments today to supply the market with a new speculative impulse, and trading continued dull and professional. The effects of the recent heavy profit taking and distributive selling were more apparent than yesterday. Traders took advantage of the meager public participation to work for a reaction. The opening was irregular and narrow. Many issues including steel, American and Baldwin Locomotive and Anaconda Copper appeared unaltered from last night. Mexican Petroleum advanced a point at the outset on the better aspect of Mexican affairs. Leading railroads and standard industrials were quiet in the absence of outside buying and were also affected to some extent by persistent rumors of an extensive liquidation following upon the recent upward turn.

PRESIDENT TALKS TO CORRESPONDENTS

Lays Emphasis On the Danger
of Publishing Reports that
Are Not Correct

Washington, May 17.—Throwing an intimate light on President Wilson's personal views with regard to the emergency and big situation he has faced while in the White House, a transcript of the executive's confidential talk to the Washington newspaper correspondents at the National Press club was received with great interest here today.

Speaking of the international affairs, the president said: "If I cannot retain my moral influence over a man except by occasionally knocking him down, if that is the only basis on which he will respect me, then for the sake of his soul I have got to occasionally knock him down."

He said that worrying over the European situation had kept him awake nights "because there might come a time when the United States would have to do what I do not desire to do."

With regard to public men who have come under his eye, Wilson said that during their stay in Washington some of them grew and some of them swelled.

Discussing the relationship of the press to national affairs, the president voiced a warning against the spreading of false reports saying they were liable to lead to trouble.

"America," he said, "is for peace because she loves peace and believes the present war has carried the nations engaged so far that they cannot be held to ordinary standards of responsibility."

Little Girl Assaulted and Then Murdered

Idaho Falls, Idaho, May 17.—Little Alice Empey, age 9, was murdered, according to the verdict of a coroner's jury today. Her body, half buried in dirt and brush, with most of her clothes torn off, was found early yesterday by two men who were clearing brush and driftwood from a field.

Alice Empey disappeared April 16. She left her home near here to go to her grandmother's half a mile distant. She never reached her destination, and a wide search was fruitless. A creek between the two homes at that time was a raging torrent, covering many acres of land. The murderer, after meeting and assaulting the little girl on the road, evidently had thrown her body into the stream.

Women In Yellow to Meet Democratic Delegates

St. Louis, Mo., May 17.—When democratic delegates leave the Coliseum here after the first day of the national convention thousands of women with white dresses, yellow parasols and yellow sashes will greet them. The women have timed their appearance for the first hour to impress the delegates that women demand preparedness and suffrage planks in the democratic platform.

According to present prospects there will be no hotel jam during the convention. The California delegation has reserved 26 rooms at the American hotel and 60 at the Plaza. Early next week it is expected that the vanguard of the delegations will begin arriving.

Union Iron Works Strike Is Settled

San Francisco, May 17.—Having won an increase in wages and recognition of the union, the rivet heaters and passers of the Union Iron Works today agreed to return to work tomorrow. This ends a strike which threatened to completely cripple the works, rushed as it is with many ship building orders. The agreement gives all rivet heaters a minimum wage of \$2 a day, an increase of 50 cents. The passers won an increase of 25 cents a day.

MRS. JANE PRICE DEAD

Albany, Ore., May 17.—Mrs. Jane Price, a resident of Albany for 21 years, died Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Adeline Blackburn, at the age of 81 years. She was a native of New York, and was married in Michigan in 1877, died 10 years ago. She is survived by four children, William M. Price, of West Stayton and C. W. Price, Mrs. Adeline Blackburn and G. C. Price, all of Albany.

PORTLAND'S MAY DAY

Portland, Ore., May 17.—Six thousand children from Portland public schools dressed in white clothes and pink ribbons this morning for the annual May day pageant to be staged on Multnomah field at 2:30 this afternoon.

The May pole dance and calisthenics exercises will feature the pageant.

TURKS WITHDRAW 20,000 TROOPS TO MEET RUSSIANS

These Are Taken From In
Front of British Forces at
Kat-el-Amara

GERMAN LOSS AT VERDUN CLAIMED TO BE 300,000

French and Germans Play See-Saw Game Around Dead Man's Hill

London, May 17.—Twenty thousand Turks have been withdrawn from the British front east of Kat-el-Amara today, apparently to meet the Russian advance upon Bagdad.

In their haste to stem the new offensive, the Turks are recruiting all native tribesmen. Diplomats believe that Russia, expecting a speedy end to the war, is trying to capture all possible Turkish territory, placing the czar in a position to demand vast areas of territory when peace is made.

Play See-Saw at Verdun

Paris, May 17.—German attempts to drive forward their lines northwest of Verdun, near Dead Man's Hill, by a grenade assault, failed heavily, the official communique said today.

A similar attempt was defeated on the east bank of the Meuse, northwest of the Meuse.

Artillery was most active on both sides of the Meuse.

Two squadrons of French airmen flew over the Germans and dropped 200 shells on troops and railroads. A German airman was brought down.

German Loss at Verdun 300,000

London, May 17.—Three hundred thousand Germans have been killed and wounded in the fighting around Verdun to date, according to the Paris correspondent of the London Chronicle today. He claimed that these severe losses would end all possibility of a serious German offensive against Riga. Only a curtain of Germans, he asserted, was left on the Russian front. "They have long evaded the destiny which the Germans feel closing in on them," he declared.

Small Naval Battle

London, May 17.—British destroyers and monitors engaged German destroyers in a short fight off the Belgian coast yesterday, the admiral announced today. The Germans withdrew. There were no British losses.

Dutch Steamer Blown Up

London, May 17.—The Dutch steamer Bataaf V, was blown up on Tuesday while en route to London from Rotterdam. It was learned here today. Four are understood to be dead.

Young Peruvian Killed

Paris, May 17.—Jose Garcia Calderon, a son of the former president of Peru, has been killed at the front. It was learned today. He volunteered as a balloonist with the French army. Caught in a storm, Calderon attempted to leave his balloon and reach terra firma in a parachute but it collapsed and he was dashed to death.

French Attack Broke Down

Berlin, May 17.—A French attack on the southern slope of Hill 304 broke down under artillery fire during the night, the war office announced today. There was heavy artillery fighting all night on both banks of the Meuse.

Drive Italians Back

Vienna, May 17.—Continuing their Trentino offensive the Austrians have driven the Italians from more important positions; it was officially declared today. The total number of Italians captured is now 6,200.

TODAY'S BALL SCORES

American.
St. Louis 7 11 0
Philadelphia 4 10 3
Davenport and Hartley; Crowell, Sheehan and Schang. Bresler replaced Sheehan.
R. H. E.
Detroit 7 12 0
Washington 6 9 3
Dubus and Stange; Harper and Henry. Ayres replaced Harper. James replaced Harper.
Cleveland-New York, postponed, wet grounds.
Chicago-Boston, postponed, rain.
National.
Brooklyn 2 10 1
Chicago 7 11 2

SIR ROGER CASEMENT COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Will Be Tried for High Treason,
the Punishment for
Which Is Death

PENNSYLVANIA VOTE IS DIVIDED

T. R. VOTE LIGHT
Boise Penrose Has Larger
Part of Delegates to the
Convention

HUGHES AND ROOSEVELT WERE ONLY "ALSO RANS"

Teddy Got Only Hundreds
Where He Expected Thousands
of Votes

President Sends Reply to Pope's Communication

Washington, May 17.—President Wilson has sent a reply to Pope Benedict's letter on peace. The reply was given to Apostolic Delegate Bonzano on Monday night, it was understood.

The president's communication, it was learned, joined the pope in strongly desiring that the United States should not be plunged into war and that it should use its neutrality to aid in a readjustment at the end of the conflict. President Wilson discussed the letter with Secretary Lansing prior to sending the reply. It is understood that the pope urged the United States not to go into war with Germany.

Cruiser San Francisco Hits Shoal, No Damage

Boston, Mass., May 17.—Driven by a terrific gale the United States cruiser San Francisco grounded on Nantucket shoals at five a. m. today. Wireless dispatches flashed the news here. After a few hours the warship was released without damage, according to the radio.

Will Serve Lunches In Convention Hall

Chicago, May 17.—Owing to the hotel rush, the management of the big progressive party today announced that it had arranged to serve lunches in the auditorium and the convention hall during the ball mouse convention. Attendants at the convales will be dressed in military uniform to emphasize the demand for preparedness planks in the platform.

Friends of Representative James R. Mann have launched his vice-presidential boom and are working hard in behalf of it.

Millionaires Son Wants to Learn the Business

San Francisco, May 17.—Entering the Union Iron Works to learn the business from the ground up, John T. Snyder, son of the vice president of the Bethlehem Steel company, surprised his friends today by announcing that he had married and that he intended to settle down in a small apartment here and make San Francisco his permanent home. He married a New York girl, joined the union, and says he is perfectly satisfied with life.

Made Record Run from San Diego to Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Cal., May 17.—Cliff Durant in a night circuit over the route between Los Angeles and San Diego, driving a Chevrolet, established a new motor record of 7 hours, 55 minutes between these two points, finishing here early today.

Durant covered 280 miles. He passed through the exposition gates at San Diego. Durant completed the trip at an average slightly less than 50 miles an hour.

THE WEATHER

SAFETY FIRST

Oregon: Tonight and Thursday showers, cooler northwest portion tonight; southerly winds.

PENROSE GETS ALL

Philadelphia, May 17.—Complete returns from Philadelphia and incomplete returns from half of the Pennsylvania counties today showed that the Boise Penrose slate of delegates to the republican national convention had defeated Governor Brumbaugh's ticket, rolling up a substantial majority.

PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, May 17.—Late returns today from the presidential preference primary formed the basis for a claim of partial victory at the headquarters of Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh, head of the movement to snatch republican state leadership from Boise Penrose.

Brumbaugh's headquarters declared that the governor's candidates in many districts had defeated Penrose candidates for the position of delegate to the national republican convention.

The Brumbaugh-Vare faction may also have several delegates at large. The returns are coming in very slowly.

Colonel Roosevelt's vote was small compared to that of Brumbaugh, and Henry Ford's showing was the surprise of the primary. Roosevelt polled only hundreds where his supporters had expected him to draw thousands.

Penrose estimated the Ford vote at 40,000. Knox and Hughes figured but slightly in the primary.

Penrose in the Lead

Philadelphia, May 17.—Incomplete returns from the state primary today indicated that Boise Penrose won the uninstructed delegation to the republican national convention. Henry Ford's vote was surprisingly large. President Wilson was unanimously endorsed by the democrats.

Vermont 2 to 1 for Hughes

Montpelier, Vt., May 17.—Justice Hughes had a lead of two to one over Colonel Roosevelt in the early returns today from the state presidential preference primary. Elihu Root and Governor McCall, of Massachusetts, polled only a scattering vote.

Lassen Erupted Again Monday Say Stockmen

Bedding, Cal., May 17.—Stock men arriving from the Mount Lassen region today declared that the volcano erupted Monday night, freshly fallen ashes covering the snow ten miles away as daybreak yesterday. If there is a considerable quantity of ashes on the snow at a distance of ten miles from the crater the eruption of Monday night must have been severe.

WILSON WANTS NOTE RUSHED

Washington, May 17.—President Wilson's note to Great Britain with regard to seizure of American mail is practically completed and probably will be sent officially this week, it was stated today. The president is understood to be most anxious to have the communication forwarded before next week, and he has advised the state department.

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